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ON THE

Lord Haverſham's SPEECH,

Which He made in the Houſe of PEERS, on *Thurſday, Novemb.* 23. 1704.

My LORDS,

I AM very ſenſible to what Cenſure he expoſes himſelf, who addreſſes your Lordſhips in ſuch a Manner, at ſuch a Time, when this being the only proper Place for me to mention what I have to offer of Complaint, I the more confidently hope your Lordſhips Forgiveneſs.] *His Lordſhip's Apology, for making a Speech at this critical Juncture being ſhort, yet pithy, is very commendable.*

I would be far from detracting or leſſening any Man's juſt Praiſe, and do really believe that the *wonderful Victory* obtained over the *French*, under the Conduct and Command of Prince *EUGENE*, and the Duke of *MARLBOROUGH*, if conſider'd in all its Circumſtances, eſpecially the unuſual Secrecy with which the Orders were executed, is the greateſt any Hiſtory can ſhew us.] *The Bravery of this Action is as much acknowledg'd by*

by the Emperor, when he says in his Letter to the Duke of MARLBOROUGH, "*These Actions are so great, and particularly that* "*of* Hochstet, *past Ages having never seen the like Victory obtain'd* "*over the* French, *that we may rejoyce to see, not only the perni-* "*cious Efforts of the Enemy repulsed, and the Affairs of* Germany "*which were somewhat tottering, or rather those of all* Europe *se-* "*cur'd and settled again, but likewise that it may be reasonably hop'd,* "*that the full and perfect Liberty of the* Christian *World shall be* "*rescu'd from the Power of* France, *which was so imminently impend-* "*ing over it.*——*But as the preceeding Clause in the same Letter attributes the Victory at* Hochstet *chiefly to the Duke of* Marlborough's *Counsels, many People would not have took it amiss, if his Grace had been put before Prince* Eugene.

And tho' our Success at Sea was not equal to what it was at Land, yet the *English* Courage and Bravery shew'd it self the same. I cannot, indeed, congratulate Sir *George Rook*'s *entire Victory over the French*, but I can, and do more heartily his *Safe Deliverance from them*, and that with a Fleet so unprovided, and so weaken'd by five or six *Dutch* Ships being ordered home a little before the Engagement, seems to be a considerable Piece of Service. To say more, would look like Flattery; and to say less, would be Unjust.] *Considering the Advantage the* French *had over us by their Fleet just then being Careen'd, newly come out of Harbour, and Assistance of Gallies upon their own Shore; and our being a great way from Home, Want of Ammunition upon the Account of taking and strengthening* Gibraltar, *and our Ships foul, being long out, I believe it had not been false* Latin, *if it had been said Sir* George Rook *obtain'd an entire Victory over the* French; *but for fear I should go beside the Closure of this Paragraph of my Lord's, viz.* To say more, would look like Flattery; and to say less, would be Unjust, *I shall discuss this Point no farther.*

My LORDS,

The Navy of *England* is its Glory and its Guard; 'tis that which should protect our Trade, and secure our Coasts. Your Lordships were so sensible of this, that you recommended these

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two Heads to Her Majesty, in two Addresses last Sessions, *full of Respect, and yet very pressing*; but we have been so far from receiving the Fruits we expected from your Lordships Care, that whoever will take a View of what was done last Summer, will see our Coasts left naked, and our Trade exposed. St. *Paul* riding in the Channel, and our Merchants so far from being protected, that even our Men of War themselves are taken in our Soundings. And what sharpens our Misfortunes, is to see our Enemies making Use of our Ships against us, and to be provided with their Naval Stores from us, as the Count *de Tholouse's* Squadron was, if an *Eye-witness thereof, now at the Door, may be believed.*] *Well, this is a ticklish Point, and as it is dangerous meddling with edge-Tools, e'en let the Eye-Witness remark this Paragraph himself.*

My LORDS,

Let our Victories be what they will ashore, while *France* is thus powerful at Sea, and more so daily, not only by his own Additions, but by our too easie Concessions, as were those of St. *Christophers*, *Newfoundland*, and *Hudson's Bay*; while our Trade is thus neglected, and your Lordships faithful and provident Advice baffled, by the *Dark Counsels of* No Body *known who*, ENGLAND in my Opinion cannot be safe.] *No more it cannot. And as for that* No Body, *he has been a mischievous Fellow a long time, and ought to be severely punisht whoever he's found out.*

Another thing that I shall take notice of, is the *present State of the Coin*; and I dare venture to say, that if such *vast Exportations* be much longer continued and allowed, we shall have very little left at home; *France may be beaten*, but *England* must be beggar'd. I know we are not so sensible of this, because there is a *Paper-Money now current*; but should there ever happen to be a stop there, I pray God preserve us from *sinking all at once*.] *Amen.*

The last Thing that I shall mention to your Lordships, is with Relation to *Scotland*: I think I need but lay before your Lordships the true Matter of Fact to convince you how much it deserves your Consideration. A little before the last sitting of the Parliament there, it was thought necessary to make some Alteration in that Ministry, and accordingly some were displaced to make Room for others, taking some from each Party, who might influence the rest: Things being thus prepared,

prepared, and a *mostly Ministry* set up, the Parliament met about the 6th of *July* last, and the the Succession in the *Protestant* Line was the main thing recommended with the greatest Earnestness by the Queen in Her Letter to them, yet was it so *post-pon'd and baffled*, that at length it came to nothing, partly because the Ministry was so weak, and divided, that instead of doing every thing, they could do nothing; and partly from a received Opinion that the Succession it self was never sincerely and cordially intended, *either by the Ministry there, or by those that managed the* Scotch *Affairs here.*] *Every loyal Subject ought to wish there was Union betwixt* England *and* Scotland; *but according to Mr.* Simon Mackenzie's *Directions in his* Vis Unita Fortior, *it will never, I believe, come to pass while his Head's hot*; wherein he *presumptuously insinuates the* English *must, to obtain an Union with them, speak their Language; have the Denomination of the whole Island appropriated to their Nation*; the English *and* Scotch *Crown melted in a good large one suitable to the new Title they design the Sovereign*; Episcopacy *abolisht, and several other Exorbitant Proposals in favour of their own Country.*

And yet this is not all, but in this very Bill of Exclusion, as I call it, all the Heritors and Burroughs are not only allowed, but ordained (as the Word is) to be armed, and to exercise their fenceable Men once every Month.] *How compatible this is to Part of a Clause in the* Scotch *Act of Security, enacted the Fifth of* August *last is plainly seen by the Words thereof, viz. And for a farther Security to this Kingdom, &c. enacts, That the whole Protestant Heretors, and all the Burghs, &c. shall forthwith provide themselves with Fire-Arms, &c. and the said Heretors and Burghs are hereby impowered and ordained, to discipline, and exercise their said fencible Men once in a month, &c.* [illegible] And there will never be wanting all the Promises, and all the Assistance, *Princes can give.*] *This is* [illegible] *King's perfidious Dealings with* Christian *Princes, to compass all* Europe *to assert an universal Monarchy.*

That what has been, may be.] *As the Proverb is, A burnt Child dreads the* Fire. Or at least wise should,

In Short, *my Lords*, I think every Man wishes these things had not been; and in my Opinion, there is no Man but must say *they should not have been.* I shall end with an Advice of my Lord *Bacon's*, *Let Men*, says he, *beware how they neglect or suffer Matter of Troubles to be prepared, for no Man can forbid the Sprite that may set all on Fire.*] *Bacon's Advice is good*: and as for my Lord Harvershain's *thinking* every Man wishes these things had not been, *I'm of their opinion too*; that no Man would wish *Harm to his Country, unless he's of as bad a Principle as the* Observator, *and others that were in the Proclamation with him.*

If any thing I have said deserves it, your Lordships will take it into your Consideration; if not, I'm sure I ought to ask [illegible] Pardons for so long Abuse of your Patience.] *If the Lords Patience was not tir'd, without Doors, they will order the Journ's of their House to be returned his Lordship for his Street Speech.*

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